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June 5, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT
STANDARD AGREEMENT NUMBER 13-20573 FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED
DISEASE SURVEILLANCE NETWORK PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 19, 2011, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept Standard Agreement (SA) Number 13-20573, from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the amount of \$375,000 (\$75,000 annually), for the period effective September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2018, for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance Network (SSuN) project. Funds will support data collection and analysis to improve the capacity of national, State, and local STD programs to detect, monitor, and respond rapidly to emerging trends in STDs and related risk behaviors.

Issuance of the award was delayed due to a lengthy negotiation between CDPH and the Department of Public Health's Division of HIV and STD Programs. While CDPH confirmed the award of funds on January 23, 2014, the SA was not received until April 21, 2014.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the SA as to form and this delegated authority action and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the SA include provisions requiring the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses related to this Agreement. This is a standard requirement from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit of public health.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF:mr
DA #02997

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors